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SUBJECT:ITU: INVITATION TO SOVIET TELECOMS ADMINISTRATION
TO ATTEND STANLEY FUND MEETING

REF: GENEVA 7222

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES KURAKOV'S INQUIRY IS IN RELATION TO
CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY STANLEY FOUNDATION AT UNIVERSITY OF
IOWA. STANLEY FOUNDATION IS LOCATED IN MUSCATINE, IOWA.
ORGANIZED IN 1956, ITS PURPOSE IS TO ENCOURAGE STUDY,
RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.
IT EMPHASIZES ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WORLD ORGANIZATION, AND
SPONSORS FOUR ANNUAL CONFERENCES: THE STRATEGY FOR PEACE
CONFERENCE, THE CONFERENCE ON THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE
NEXT DECADE, NEWS MEDIA SEMINAR AT THE UNITED NATIONS, AND
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CONFERENCE ON UNITED NATIONS PROCEDURES.

2. THIRTEENTH CONFERENCE ON THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE NEXT
DECADE WILL BE HELD JULY 9-15, 1978 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
IOWA, IOWA CITY, IOWA. THEME OF CONFERENCE IS "COOPERATION
OR CONFRONTATION IN OUTER SPACE." ATTENDANCE IS BY
INVITATION ONLY, AND FOUNDATION OFFICER ADVISED DEPARTMENT

THAT INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES. TENTATIVE AGENDA FURNISHED DEPARTMENT FOLLOWS:

I. UNITED NATIONS AND THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

A. GENERAL ISSUES

1. SPACE TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

2. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN OUTER SPACE - RESULTS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

3. COORDINATION OF UNITED NATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCY ACTIVITIES IN OUTER SPACE

4. A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE - FOCUS AND TIMING

B. SPECIFIC ITEMS

1. DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING FROM SATELLITES

2. REMOTE SENSING DEVICES FROM SATELLITES

3. DRAFT TREATY RELATING TO THE MOON

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4. DEFINITION AND/OR DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE

5. NUCLEAR REACTORS IN SPACE

II. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND MILITARY COMPETITION IN OUTER SPACE

A. PROPOSALS FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL TREATIES OR AGREEMENTS FOR DEMILITARIZATION OF OUTER SPACE

B. REVISION OF OUTER SPACE TREATY

C. ANTI-SATELLITE, LASER AND OTHER NEW WEAPONS

D. INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY FOR ASSURING THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

3. IN ADDITION TO SOVIETS, INVITEES INCLUDE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UN FROM ECUADOR, BRAZIL, PRC, ROMANIA, GDR, IRAN, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, KENYA, JAPAN, EGYPT, ZAIRE, BULGARIA, ARGENTINA, FRG, NIGERIA, UK; VARIOUS UN OFFICIALS; REPRESENTATIVES OF EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY,

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION, INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION; CANADIAN,

INDONESIAN, INDIAN, MEXICAN, AND PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS; AND SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM US GOVERN-
MENT AGENCIES AND US UNIVERSITIES.

4. STANLEY FOUNDATION IS PRIVATE OPERATING FOUNDATION.
ITS ACTIVITIES ARE KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND OCCASION-
ALLY DEPOFFS HAVE PARTICIPATED AT ITS CONFERENCES. WE HAVE
HAD NO INVOLVEMENT WITH FOUNDATION REGARDING CONFERENCE
THEME OR ORGANIZATION. FOUNDATION REPS HAVE TOLD US THEY
CONSIDER SOVIET PARTICIPATION ESSENTIAL. EMBASSY SHOULD
SO ADVISE KURAKOV BUT EXPLAIN, AT SAME TIME, THAT
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